

CLAIMS

What is claimed:

9. The device of Claim 1 wherein the sheath comprises a distal arced region defining a plane of orientation of the scissor.
10. The device of Claim 3 wherein the stationary blade comprises a tapered stationary blade and the actuating blade comprises an angled actuating blade.
- 5 11. The device of Claim 1 wherein at least one of the blades comprises an electrode element that cauterizes at a surgical site, the electrode element being connected to an electrical source.
12. An endoscopic sphincterotomy system comprising:
 - an endoscope having a viewing port, a channel through which an endoscopic scissor can be inserted and an elevator that actuates movement of the scissor extending through a distal port of the endoscope; and
 - a biliary scissor having a first blade, a second blade, a sheath having a diameter less than a diameter of the endoscope channel, and an actuator that actuates relative movement between the first blade and the second blade.
- 10 13. The system of Claim 12 wherein the endoscope has a side viewing port and the distal port opens in a radial direction such that the scissor, having a distal arcuate region, extends radially from the endoscope, the arcuate region defining a plane of orientation of the scissor relative to the endoscope.
14. The system of Claim 12 wherein the sheath has an outer diameter of 2.5 mm or less.